

## **FREEDOM FESTIVAL 2003**

### **Media Guide**

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### **FREEDOM FESTIVAL 5K**

A growing event, the 2003 Freedom Festival 5K race will be held the the downtown Gahanna area. Along with the annual 5K run, a 5K family and individual walk will be proceed for the second time this year. Check-in will begin at 7:00 a.m., Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. All participants must check in at the registration table located in the lot next to the old Fire Station on Mill Street. Walkers and runners will begin their journey at 8:00 a.m & 8:15 a.m.

T-shirts will be given to the first 200 registered. Trophies to the top three finishers male and female in the following age groups: 19-Under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+. Medals to the overall 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> finishers male and female. More than 200 runners and walkers are expected to participate this year. Entry fees are \$20.00. Interested persons may register with the race organizer at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov) or visit the City of Gahanna Parks & Recreation Department. Information on the whole day can be viewed at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov).

Volunteers from the Rotary Club of Gahanna assist the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department in putting on this event every year. The Rotarians will be assisting at the mile marker and water stations, and will also serve as course marshals.

The race course will begin at the 124 Granville Street, in front of Cord Camera. The route will head east on Granville, North on Shull, East and then North on Heil, West on Worman and Cadbury, North on Lyncroft towards Larry Lane, and then retrace the route back to on Granville Street around the corner to the finish line on Mill Street. The total length is five kilometers.

### **GAHANNA GRAND PRIX**

In it's fourth year, organized by TeamColumbus and the City of Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department, this event has become a favorite in the community. More than 100 riders will race through the streets of Olde Gahanna.

### **TOUR DE KID'S BICYCLE RACE (KIDS SPRINTS)**

The day begins with children ages 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12 years sprinting 100 yards to the finish line. These champions of tomorrow will have a chance to claim bragging rights as one of the fittest kids in their community. Prizes will be awarded.

### **CRITERIUM BICYCLE RACES**

Gahanna Parks and Recreation, in collaboration with TeamColumbus, would like to invite all interested individuals to come out Olde Gahanna to support the participants of the Gahanna Grand Prix races.

Some streets in downtown Gahanna will be closed for the races, and the streets must be free of cars by 7:00 a.m. (cars will be towed). Informational flyers will be distributed to all effected local businesses and residents by June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

To pre-register for the criterium races, send standard entry form located at [www.teamcolumbus.org](http://www.teamcolumbus.org) and check to TeamColumbus, P.O. Box 438, Granville, Ohio 43023. To pre-register for the childrens' bike sprints contact the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department 342-4250.

For more information on this and other programs, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at (614)342-4250 or visit the TeamColumbus web page at [www.teamcolumbus.org](http://www.teamcolumbus.org).

### **GAHANNA 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE**

The Gahanna Lion's Club, a member of The Lion's Clubs International, are proud to announce that Gahanna's own, and the winner of **ABC's All American Girl, Jessica Felice** will be this years' 2003, July 4th Parade Grand Marshal.

Jessica Felice, 22, of Gahanna, Ohio recently won the National Title of "All American Girl 2003." She graduated with honors from Miami University with a Bachelor's degree in Speech Communications. She is also a 1998 graduate of Gahanna Lincoln High School. Jessica has been singing and performing her entire life. She has performed at numerous locations around Ohio including singing the National Anthem at a Cleveland Indians baseball game. Jessica is also involved as a spokesperson for several community events. She is currently a member of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists and composes many of her own song lyrics.

The Parade will be held on Friday, July 4th and begin at Lincoln High School, traveling west on Granville Street and end at the Royal Plaza off of Stygler. The Parade begins at 10:30 a.m. the morning of the 4th, participants are asked to meet at 9 a.m. to begin set up. Granville Street will be closed from 10:00 a.m. through the duration of the parade.

Those interested in participating in the parade may pick up a entry form at the City of Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department. The registration form can also be downloaded from the Parks and Recreation web site at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov). If there are any further questions or concerns feel free to contact contact Jeanne Blackburn at 471-9672.

### **Wiffleball Tourney**

That's right, we said wiffleball. The first Freedom Festival wiffleball tournament is set for McCorkle Park, beginning at 12:00 p.m. The championship game is set to be played under the lights. Both kids and adults can enjoy this one, and most likely, the kids will win! Register at the Parks and Recreation Department office, 342-4250 or [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov).

### **GAHANNA COALITION FOR CITIZENSHIP AND CHARACTER FAMILY FUNFEST & PICNIC**

Remember the great days of the Community Picnic? Remember the great feelings of the church picnic or those family get-togethers. The City of Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department and the **Gahanna Coalition for Citizenship** and Character are bringing the Family Fun Festival to the Gahanna Golf Course Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m..

The Gahanna Coalition for Character and Citizenship (GC3) will be the highlight of the fest showcasing essays submitted by Gahanna area youth. As part of the festivities, GC3 is sponsoring an Essay Contest. The topic of the 1-2 page essay should reflect one of the 12 character traits that are represented in the GC3 program: **Citizenship, Cooperation, Honesty, Respect, Self-Discipline, Spirituality, Pursuit of Excellence, Moral Courage, Compassion, Responsibility, Justice, and Positive Attitude.** Essays should discuss how and why the character trait is important to you. Children, grade 3 and lower, may chose to express themselves with an artistic creation rather than an essay (for example, an drawing representing a character trait). Essays can be delivered to the City of Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department office (in the City Administration office, 200 S. Hamilton Rd.). Applications for the essay contest can be obtained from the City of Gahanna website at [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov). More than 50 essays have been submitted at this time.

The **WCVO 104.9 Picnic Area** will feature hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches from Heavenly Ham, and Chick-Fil-A. Each of the vendors will be providing great treats at low costs for the family.

**TOUCH A TRUCK!** That's right, the Touch A Truck program is back and will take place at the Freedom Festival Family Fest. Kids will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with those big trucks they love to see! Dump trucks, tractors, emergency vehicles, skid steers, back hoes, and much more will be there.

**Super Games** will be returning this year with inflatables and games for the kids. Kids can try their luck on the End Zone Obstacle course, a 18' slide, a 35' obstacle course, and the triceratops bounce. Kids can also enjoy a variety of games and activities like ball toss, soccer shoot out, and hot shot.

Local business representatives, such as **Agent Rob Matney from the HER Gahanna** office, will also be participating volunteering with games and activities.

Other activities will include face painting, kids' games, and balloon animals.

It's not just for the kids! **The Orange Cats**, an underground R&B group, will be providing entertainment for the whole family. This group performs nearly every weekend at Easton, and always draws a large crowd. The – performance will be appreciated by all ages.

Attention adults: test your skills with a hole-in-one contest on the Gahanna Golf Course. Clubs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Winner will receive a membership to the Gahanna Golf Course!

Special thanks to 7UP, Kroger, 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, JD Equipment, and Anderson Concrete for the contributions to this years event.

### **GAHANNA SWIM CLUB GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'!**

Join the Gahanna Swim Club for a cool dip on a hot afternoon. The Grillin' & Chillin' event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and be finished in time for the Family Fun Fest at 5:00 p.m. Contact the Gahanna Swim Club for more information: 471-1864 or visit [www.gahannaswimclub.com](http://www.gahannaswimclub.com).

### **FREEDOM FESTIVAL TEENFEST 2003 – Creekside Park, Gahanna**

On Independence Day from 4:00 to 8:30 PM, Gahanna's Big Walnut Creek will echo sounds of music from seven local bands! These rising stars demonstrate a broad variety of styles and sounds, showcasing youth talent in our area. At the TeenFest 2003 each band will have a 25-minute spotlight, alternating between the performance oval near the waterfall and near the firehouse parking lot.

In addition to the music, there will be a variety of other entertainment options by and for teens:

Teen Art Walk - Artwork by local middle school and high school students showcasing all types of art, and you can even vote for your favorite. Artwork is still being accepted for this event. If interested, contact Tina Edwards at 475-1664 ([tedward3@columbus.rr.com](mailto:tedward3@columbus.rr.com)) or Dot Micacchion at 855-2616 ([Mmicacchion@aol.com](mailto:Mmicacchion@aol.com)) for more information.

Mark Abbatti "Joy Unspeakable" – Mark has astounded audiences for 21 years with his talent for silent communication. His "living statue" and "trapped in a store window" solo performances are crowd favorites! Mark will be performing this time in his special July 4<sup>th</sup> spirit.

Vendors including photo studios, hair wraps, and airbrush tattoos.

Event T-shirts have arrived and will be sold now up through the event. Get one early and wear it to the event! Contact the Parks and Recreation Department 342-4250 to purchase.

The acts that will be featured this year are:

#### **Kelley's Carry Out**

A five piece technical/progressive punk rock band. Matt Kessler sings, Ben Sheidlower and Trek Micacchion are the two guitarists, Trevor Amos is on bass guitar and Sammy Sheidlower is the drummer. This tight knit group of friends create a magnificent musical master piece. They all reside in Gahanna and attend GLHS. They have been together for two years this summer. Their musical sound could be compared to bands such as Rufio and Taking Back Sunday. If you're looking for some kicking fast music with unstoppable beats, amazing guitar riffs, that are fronted with meaningful and honest lyrics then go see Kelley's Carry Out.

#### **The Drum Machines**

Bryan Ehlen on drums and goes to Gahanna Lincoln, Derrick Ehlen on 2 mixers and a keyboard, student teaches at Columbus East High School. The drum machines are considered tech/rock. Some strange noises, definitely not what you normally hear around here. This band is unique simply because they don't stick to the typical band set-up as well as the typical band sounds. The Drum Machines formed by sitting around being

bored and just decided to make noises with all the junk they had around the house. Bryan and Derrick haven't played anywhere together yet, although in other bands, they have played around Columbus. The group's goal is to simply get more shows in the future.

### Local Drama

A Pop/Rock band with a hint of alternative elements to it which give it a unique sound that is a mix of counting crows and radio head. Local drama is a group formed a month ago of all friends who live in Gahanna. John Roese, 17 (singer) Jordan Calig, 19 (Bass), Sam Ballinger 19 (Drums), Phil Chester 18 (Guitar), and Jay Alton 19 (Guitar). Our repertoire consists of strictly original music. A combination of our musical influences are Blink 182, Counting Crows, Weezer, and Radio Head. We will have demos at the show, and are in the process of making a full length CD that should be out by fall.

### Eye Spy

Dylan Schiff-age 9-guitar and lead vocals from High Point Elementary, Ethan Schiff-age 12-drums from Gahanna Middle School East. Cameron Ball-age 12-bass from Gahanna Middle School East Music described as "Pop-Punk" Youngest group playing. Organized a benefit concert for Crohn's Disease Foundation for a cousin-age 12 recently diagnosed. Benefit was held at Middle School West and raised \$6,100.00 for the cause. Band started with Ethan, Dylan and their step-father, Doug putting on concerts in the basement for family and friends. Cameron was asked to play bass, and the group was soon skilled enough to play on their own. Scheduled performances: Signatures and Midgard Comics.

### Claim Your Prize

Justin Schiff-Bass, Ryan Hall-guitar/back up vocals, Jack Simon-lead vocals, Andrew Tovinitti-guitar, Ethan Schiff-drums. All from Gahanna Middle School East. Music described as "A tasty mix of pop-punk/alternative rock." Most of the band met in General Music class. Writes a lot of their own music. Performed at Middle School East Talent Show. Future plans include: Signature's Restaurant, BBOY Toga Party, Midgard Comics, Bernie's Bagels. This band really enjoys performing and it shows on the stage.

### The FoolProof Ploy

Colin Beck - Drums and Percussion; going to be a freshman at Ohio University and the rest of the band will be Seniors at GLHS. Jacob Chandler - Bass Guitar, Steven Mauger - Trombone, Taz Romine-Mann - Saxaphones, Craig Laparo - Trumpet, Cody Moore - Guitar and Vocals, Matt Malone - Guitar and Vocals. A ska band, which is either "fast reggae" or "punk with horns" depending on which definition you prefer. Upbeat, fast, clean, danceable music. Influences in jazz, funk, and blues. There aren't many teenage or local ska bands. We play traditional ska music, but our lyrics deal with more teenage-oriented themes (your typical teen-angst, unrequited love stores, etc). We also stray from ska and will include mini jam-sessions in our songs, and let our creative juices flow with improvisational solos.

This band formed when Jacob and his friends Taz, Craig, and Steve wanted to form a jazz, funk and ska band. The four were good friends from having been in jazz band and band at GLHS for several years and wanted to expand on their musical experiences. By luck, they found Matt and Cody who were interested in starting a ska band, and Colin came to the first practice because the original choice for a drummer was out of town. The band really clicked at its first practice, and everybody could feel the excitement of playing with other musicians who could really *play* their instruments. Everybody pretty much knew that they were a part of a good-thing-in-the-making and stuck with it, worked hard, and here they are. The FoolProof Ploy have played at Midgard Comics twice in our two months of existence. We are hoping to record several of our original songs this summer.

### Fe-Ne-'Tiks

Located in central Ohio, Fe-Ne-'Tiks is a group of six people that have come together to do what they love. That love of music is what keeps them going and putting everything into each song and performance. Performing in local talent shows, festivals, and music venues, they have recently started venturing into the local bar scene after recording a demo in early 2003. Fe-Ne-'Tiks look forward to recording performing more and more and establishing themselves in the modern music scene. Jon Solove- lead vocals, Nathan Igdaloff-

guitar, Chris Shaw-drums/percussion, Paul Evans-bass/back up vocals, Rick DeVennish- violin, Bobby Wildermuth- guitar. Check out their website at [www.geocities.com/fenetiks](http://www.geocities.com/fenetiks).

#### Unknown Origin

Andrew Nielsen-Guitar/vocals, Ryan LeVan- vocals, Jared Miller- Base, Jon Stevens- guitar, Ryan Dahn- drums. Music described as "hard rock, blues influenced". Their blend of different styles and techniques give them an eclectic, new and very real feel. Played at Newport Music Hall, Midgard Comics, The Mean Bean, Stauff's and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Olentangy High School Battle of the Bands. They will be opening for the Lester Finn Experiment's CD Release Concert E.P. to be released in June and are working on a full length debut album scheduled to be released in the fall of 2003.

#### Room 108

Matt Malone-lead vocals/2<sup>nd</sup> guitar, Andrew Vail-lead guitar/2<sup>nd</sup> vocals, Nick Mendel-bass/3<sup>rd</sup> vocals, Myke Heinmiller-drums. "Fast, upbeat, high-energy, punk-ska influenced music" Inspired by the first Gahannapalooza. Plays a wide variety of music. Performed at Gahannapalooza 2002, concerts First Presents: Battle of the Bands at the Newport Music Hall, and Midgard Comics. Future plans are to record a demo over the summer and perform at AZA BBYO Heart of Ohio Chapter (Jewish Youth Group) toga party. Website: [www.room108.8k.com](http://www.room108.8k.com)

#### Unlabelled Truth

Formerly known as Twelve Tribes. This band formed during their freshman year of high school in 2002. Cody Jordan and Alex Kip got their start as members of the band Oblivious while in the eighth grade. They added Tristan Seufert-drums from the band Lotus Republic, Kyle Harter-rhythm guitarist, and Miles Beck-bass and soon became known as Unlabelled Truth. Their goal is to make a difference in the current rock scene.

### **CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP CONCERT**

The Celebrate Character and Citizenship Concert featuring **Phil Dirt and the Dozers** will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Gahanna Golf Course. The course opens at 4:00 for the Family Festival and will remain open through out the concert. Special tables are available through the City of Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department at 342-4250 or [www.gahanna.gov](http://www.gahanna.gov). Tables rates are as follows: Friend Table \$500.00 (Catered by The 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron), Sponsor Table \$250.00 (Catered by the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron), or Patron Table \$75.00. The tables seat ten and are located directly in front of the main stage. Lawn seating is free. This event is brought to the citizens of Gahanna by 7UP and the City of Gahanna Parks and Recreation Department.

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### **FIREWORKS**

Our fireworks are always a hit with the Gahanna community. Over 15,000 people attended our display last year. Hamburg Fireworks has gauranteed a great show! Prime seats are available at the Gahanna Golf Course. To reserve a table in advance, contact the Gahanna Parks and Recreation office at 342-4250. Tables will also be available the day of the event. Get there early and enjoy the Family Festival at 4:00 p.m. and the Phil Dirt concert at 7:00 p.m.

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